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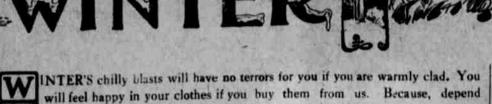
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THE UNSOLD SCHOOL LANDS.

The comments of the Texas press on the proposition to sell the school lands show how little most of the edmost of these lands lie-the Tran-Pecos region. For instance, one paper says: "Very few single sections west of the Pecos are devoid of good sized

There are hundreds of sections on at a moderate depth, which it would be impossible to find | Another quotations: anything for agricultural purposes.

face for family use." Anybody famil- sold for a low price the state reserves bodies of eight hundred sections or with it for less than \$10 an acre. The more where thousands of dollars have editor of The Eagle owns several generally wherever the subjacent joining lands, including the mineral rocks are limestone, which is the case right, or \$1.50 per acre without the over most of the Trans-Pecos country, mineral right.

valleys." The fact is, not over 10 per Among the basaltic mountains water cent of the entire surface is tillable, can generally be found in the canyons purpose of retarding development in

soil enough to make a vegetable gar asserted that there is not a section of den for an average family. It is true the unsold school lands in that coun that in almost all cases where the try which is not worth more than a land can be plowed it is surpassingly dollar an acre for the chance there is fertile, but practically all such lands that it contains valuable mineral dehave been sold. Very few sections posits." The editor who wrote this now belonging to the state are worth sentence prefaced the article from which it is an extract with these Here is another statement: "It is words: "Speaking from familiarity are common in other parts of Texas. highly probable that most any eight with the lands in the trans-Pecos coun- The names of dozens who have spent sections of land in that great area be- try and from a close study of the contween the Pecos and the Rio Grande ditions prevailing there," etc.; yet he has water sufficiently close to the sur- doesn't know that when the lands are iar with that country can point out the mienral right, and in no case parts been spent in the effort to develop thousand acres in Brewster county, water and not even enough for family which is for sale at \$1.50 per acre, inuse has been found at a less depth cluding the mineral right, while the than a thousand feet. This is true state demands \$25 per acre for ad-

that country, for the writer has every withstanding the facts stated, it is country of great possibilities and offers many opportunities to those who But it is no place for a farmer who expects to pursue the methods that their little all trying to do this could Office over First State Bank & Trust erroneous statements like those quoted and referred to is the object of

As to the question of selling the rethere is a good deal to be said on both sides. The Eagle has not taken a poconnected with it that the editor does not understand sufficiently well to dis cuss intelligently, although he spent ten years in that country.

A PUBLIC DUTY.

As we have before stated, next Tues day is the day when we are to elect state and county officers, and it is the duty of every qualified voter to go to the polls and vote. But this is not all that should be done. It is a duty that every man owes to the state to vote for the amendment to the constitution authorizing the support and maintenance of a home for the wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors. The state can now, and does, provide a home for the old soldiers and sailors themselves, but there is no provision made for the taking care of the indigent and disabled women of the Confederacy. The additional expense of this home can never exceed \$50,000. This is about 10 cents per head for each male person who has reached the age of twenty-one years in the state. To the average taxpayer it will be less than a nickel, and in a majority of cases it will be less than a postage stamp. But if it were more it should be adopted. Most of these dear old women suffered more than tongue can tell, and their efforts were the strongest support of the fight for local selfgovernment made by the heroes of fifty years ago.-Marlin Democrat.

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